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Comment. The information in paragraphs 1 and 2, though considered doubtful on the basis of past reports, lack of confirmation, and unconvincing descriptions of vehicles, was received through a is reported for whatever significance it may have. Soviet use of the designation "Tiger King" on armored cars has not been previously reported, although the Germans built a "King Tiger" tank to which the Soviet "Stalin III" tank is 25X1X6 similar.)

## 28 January 1949

- 1. Chinese Communists have informed the Soviet Consulate in Tientsin that ten Soviet military advisors from LIN Piao's headquarters, believed to be in charge of Communist tanks and heavy artillery, proceeded in the direction of Peiping on 17 January 1949.
- 2. When the Communists entered Tientsin, they brought in 30 Russian armored cars marked with red stars and the Russian words, "Tiger King," 50 Wolotov model trucks, 40 small Russian tanks, and heavy artillery. A Soviet engineer is in charge of maintenance and is assisted by 100 Chinese reportedly trained in the USSR.

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- A trainload of Russian sleepers has arrived in Chenkuantum (116-55, 38-49). 3.
- The Communists plan to have the Tientsin-Pukou line in operation south to Tsanghsien by 15 February. Document No.

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